



Cobb County Comprehensive Transportation Plan City of Austell Public Meeting #1

City of Austell

Meeting Date: April 17, 2006
Meeting Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location: Austell Threadmill Complex
5000 Austell-Powder Springs Road, Suite 165
Austell, GA
Attendance: ≈7 citizens

Agenda

Opening, Meeting Purpose and Introductions

Study Scope, Process and Schedule

Citizen Participation Program

Citizens Participate

Closing

Meeting Summary

Participants were asked to sign in upon arrival and provided with project materials including a fact sheet, public meeting schedule, comment sheet, project business card and a meeting agenda. Area maps were on display for participants to review. Randy Bowens, City of Austell, called the meeting to order, recognized elected officials, welcomed the participants, and gave a brief overview of the project. The meeting was turned over to project consultant Steve Cote, DWA, who introduced the project team and made a power point presentation on the study scope, process and schedule. Marian Clements discussed the citizen participation program. The presentation is part of the record copy of these notes and can be found on the Project website at: www.cobbdot.org/ctp.

Citizens were asked in the meeting, to provide feedback on the following topics:

- How did you find out about this meeting?
- Describe your City and Cobb County, as you would like them to be 25 years from now. Include a description of your dream transportation system.
- What are the biggest obstacles to your ability to move about your City and Cobb County?
- What techniques would you recommend to increase citizen participation in this study?
- Are there any comments or questions about the meeting or the process for public outreach?

The responses are recorded below.

Participants were encouraged to spread the word about the study within their community, City and the County. They were also invited to visit the project website, located on the City and County websites, for updates to the study. The meeting was adjourned.



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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

How did you find out about this meeting?

- Flyer – 1
- Email – 2
- Direct mail – 0
- County website – 1
- City website – 0
- Cobb Line – 0
- Road sign – 5
- Newspaper – 1 (Marietta Daily Journal)
- Other – 3 (Water bill)

Describe your City and Cobb County, as you would like them to be 25 years from now. Include a description of your dream transportation system.

- No septic tanks
- Parking places near transit stops
- More sidewalks
- Bike trails
- Need pedestrian/bike trails for commuting
- Commuter rail
- Designated “policed” truck lanes (similar to HOV)
- No traffic congestion
- Accessibility
- High rise- mixed-use development (work/live/play)
- Reduce use of energy sources – alternate modes of transportation and fuels
- Scooters and motor bikes
- Prefer a car
- Road widening/more road connections
- Trolleys and people movers
- Van pools
- Shared rides
- More single family homes
- Live closer to where you work
- Green space/parks/roof gardens
- Community gardens
- Better coordination of traffic signals
- One way streets
- Public transportation trolleys-- all over (frequent service)
- Public transportation system - “need to get on track”
- Impact fees on new housing to fund transportation infrastructure
- Golf carts
- Special lanes on interstates for energy efficient vehicles
- Elevated roads/flyovers
- Jetsons – air traffic (flying cars)
- Locate schools off main roads
- Need access management for schools (They are traffic generators)
- Traffic signage to direct vehicles to alternate routes
- Rail transit system with multiple stops, multiple routes and high frequency



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- More streetscape designed to collect rainwater runoff

What are the biggest obstacles to your ability to move about your City and Cobb County?

- No CCT stops in Austell
- Traffic congestion
- Senior transit for personal needs
- Rail road blocking roads
- Traffic signalization
- Intersection improvements
- Need left turn arrows (dedicated left turn lanes)
- General aviation airports (heliports)
- Street runoff/drainage blocking streets
- Lack of signage to direct traffic around flood prone areas (i.e. C.H. James Parkway)

What techniques would you recommend to increase citizen participation in this study?

- Senior Centers
- Major businesses/employers
- Civic Associations
- Home Owner Associations
- Ministerial Associations
- Better placement of road signs in different colors
- Cobb Municipal Association
- Day Care Centers
- Schools
- Cobb County/Mableton Cultural Center

Are there any comments or questions about the meeting or the process for public outreach?

- None